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CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Complete listing of all the claims in the application:

Claims 1-15 (cancelled)

16.(New) A method for restraining at least one object, each having at least one looped handle, comprising:

providing a snap hook having a generally C-shaped back, a gate pivotally mounted on a first end of said back, said gate selectively in contact with a second end of said back, defining an open and a closed position which can be selected by a user, and an elongate grip disposed about said back having suitable dimensions for grasping by at least one human hand;

passing each of said looped handles onto said snap hook while said snap hook is in the open position; [and]

closing said snap hook around said looped handles, said grip thereby providing a terminus from which movement of said object can be controlled by the hand of said user; and

gripping said grip to thereby hold said object.

17.(New) A method for restraining at least one object each having at least one looped handle, comprising:

providing a snap hook having a generally C-shaped back, a gate pivotally mounted on a first end of said back, said gate selectively in contact with a second end of

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said back, defining an open and a closed position which can be selected by a user and an elongate grip having a first end and a second end disposed about said back, said grip having suitable dimensions for grasping by at least one entire human hand and having at least one exaggerated ridge at at least one end of said grip;

passing each of said looped handles into said snap hook off said grip and between said first and second ends of said grip while said snap hook is in the open position; and

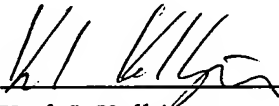
closing said snap hook around said looped handles, whereby said loop is prevented from movement onto said grip by said exaggerated ridge, said grip thereby providing a terminus from which movement of said at least one object can be controlled by the hand of said user; and

gripping said grip to thereby control said at least one object.

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